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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-30216, published on February 9, 1987, together with English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 4,786,160 to FURTER, issued on November 22, 1988. Applicant notes that the U.S. Patent is discussed on page 3 of the specification of the instant application;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 9-49991, published on February 18, 1997, together with English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,805,265 to UMEDA, issued on September 8, 1998. Applicant notes that the U.S. Patent is discussed on page 4 of the specification of the instant application;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 9-251143, published on September 22, 1997, together with English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,864,380 to UMEDA, issued on January 26, 1999. Applicant notes that the U.S. Patent is discussed on page 4 of the specification of the instant application; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. 8-114775, published on May 7, 1996, together with English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,777,716 to MIURA, issued on July 7, 1998. Applicant notes that the U.S. Patent is discussed on page 4 of the specification of the instant application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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